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SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR ARSON

A suspect was arrested for lighting a trailer on fire. On Friday, July 6, 2012 Bluffton Police Officers and Bluffton Township Fire Department responded out to Little Possum Road on a report of a trailer that was on fire. The officers arrived on scene and received multiple reports from witnesses that the fire was started deliberately by the suspect, Willie Lee Fields.

Bluffton Police Investigators spoke with several witnesses who saw the incident occur. They reported that Willie Lee Fields lit a pair of pants on fire and placed it on the side of the trailer. The trailer then caught fire and caused extensive structural damage.

Witnesses reported that this stemmed from a dispute that Fields was having with the tenants. One of the tenants was inside the trailer when the incident occurred, however, they were able to exit the trailer safely before the fire spread.

Willie Lee Fields was placed into custody and was transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center where he is awaiting a bond hearing in the morning.



Willie Lee Fields
DOB: 08/29/1961
26 Little Possum Lane
Bluffton, SC 29910

Charges:

Arson 3rd Degree- 16-11-110(c)- Felony